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Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

Programme 9
Trade and development

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/2000/8).

2. Regulation 4.13 provides, inter alia, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as necessary to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by intergovernmental organs and international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 proposed in the annex are the modification of the overall orientation (para. 9.1) and of subprogramme 5 (paras. 9.28-9.30). The revisions take into account the relevant aspects of the United Nations Millennium Declaration and of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries.

4. Unlike in previous years, in order to avoid duplication, the substantive revision of the medium-term plan took place in the context of the mid-term review of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), a process endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/178 of 21 December 2001, rather than in the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget. The member States of UNCTAD conducted the mid-term review between January and April 2002, and considered the implementation of the commitments adopted at the tenth session of UNCTAD, the implications for UNCTAD of the latest developments within the United Nations system as well the orientations of the organization leading to the eleventh session.

5. The medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/234 of 23 December 2000 and issued as document A/55/6/Rev.1. The proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 is contained in documents A/56/6 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2 (Introduction, Sects. 1-33 and Income sects. 1-3). It was revised and approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 56/253 and 56/254 of 24 December 2001.

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6. In the proposed revisions, new text to be inserted appears in boldface type, and text to be deleted appears in strikeout type. An explanation of the changes is provided in italic type within brackets.

Annex

Proposed revisions to programme 9, Trade and development

Overall orientation

9.1 The overall purpose of the programme is the integration of developing countries into the world economy in a manner that enhances the development opportunities of and addresses the problems associated with the globalization process while helping to shape international economic relations in the twenty-first century. The mandates for the programme flow from the role and responsibilities assigned to the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) by the General Assembly, beginning with its resolution 1995 (XIX), by which UNCTAD was established, the quadrennial United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Economic and Social Council and the Trade and Development Board and its subsidiary bodies. Mandates for the coming four years are set out in the Bangkok Declaration: Global Dialogue and Dynamic Engagement (TD/387), ~~and~~ the Plan of Action (TD/386) adopted by UNCTAD at its tenth session, held from 12 to 19 February 2000, **and the relevant aspects of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010, adopted at the third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held in May 2001 in Brussels (A/CONF.191/11). Through the implementation of the Bangkok Plan of Action and the relevant aspects of the Brussels Programme of Action, UNCTAD would contribute to the attainment of goals described in the "road map towards the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration" (A/56/326), particularly in relation to trade, investment, debt and resource mobilization, including official development assistance and private financial flows.** *[changes reflect new mandates]*

Subprogramme 5
Special Programme on the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

[new title reflects action taken by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/227]

Objective

9.28 The objective of this subprogramme is to contribute to the progressive and beneficial integration and participation in the global economy and international trading system of the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, including through the implementation of the **relevant** outcomes of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and contribution to the Integrated Framework for Trade-related Technical Assistance to Least Developed Countries. ~~and to contribute to the graduation of least developed countries~~ *[changes reflect the provisions of General Assembly resolution 56/227]*

Strategy

9.29 ~~The Office of the Special Coordinator for Least Developed, Landlocked and Island Developing Countries will bear substantive responsibility for this subprogramme~~. **The responsibility for the subprogramme will be borne by a new organizational unit called the Special Programme on the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States. The strategy to be followed will include: (i)** ~~It will pursue the subprogramme's objective by building on the coordination undertaken in the run-up to the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries by~~ following up, monitoring and assessing the progress in the implementation of the **relevant** outcomes of the **Third United Nations** Conference **on the Least Developed Countries**, General Assembly resolutions and other international initiatives **that fall within the areas of expertise of UNCTAD;** ~~and by promoting the United Nations~~

~~system-wide coordination of that implementation and~~ **(ii)** following up the Integrated Framework for Trade-related Technical Assistance to Least Developed Countries; ~~It will also continue to facilitate~~ **(iii) facilitating** the implementation of the Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation between Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and the Donor Community; and **(iv)** ~~contribute~~ **contributing** to the implementation of the relevant aspects of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States. ~~It~~ **The subprogramme** will further contribute**, in aspects relevant to UNCTAD,** to the consideration by the General Assembly and other relevant intergovernmental forums of the specific problems of least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, and coordinate technical assistance activities within UNCTAD in favour of those countries. *[changes reflect the provisions of General Assembly resolution 56/227]*

Expected accomplishments

9.30 Expected accomplishments would include the effective implementation of **the relevant parts of the** outcomes of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries; progress in the implementation of the Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation between Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and the Donor Community; and effective contribution to the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action in aspects relevant to UNCTAD. *[changes reflect the provisions of General Assembly resolution 56/227]*

Legislative mandates

Subprogrammes 1 to 5

55/2	**United Nations Millennium Declaration**
56/95	**Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit**
56/227	**Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries**